

May 13th : Sunday of the Blind Man

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion (Parish Patron/Pokrova)

O Mother of God, sheltered by thy coming / we faithful people today keep feast in joy, / and looking at thy most pure image, / moved to the depths of our hearts, we say: / "Protect us with thy precious veil / and deliver us from every ill, // by entreating Christ, thy Son and our God, to save our souls."

Tone 4 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, / and call to Thee in repentance: // "Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness."

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Parish Patron/Pokrova)

The Choirs of Saints and the Virgin / stand in church praying to God for us. / Angels and hierarchs bow in adoration, / Apostles and Prophets all rejoice / in thee, O Mother of God, // who for us prays to God Eternal.

Prokeimenon Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. Look upon me and have mercy on me! (Ps 118/119:132)

v. Guide my steps according to Thy word! (Ps 118/119:133)

Gospel: St. John 9:1-38

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:) The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: / "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, / thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! / With Himself He has raised all the dead." / Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. / Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, / in the Resurrection of thy Son!

***** Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service! *****

Upcoming Services

Sunday	5/13	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Mother's Day!)
Wednesday	5/16	4PM	Parish Vigil of the Ascension
Thursday	5/17	10AM	Divine Liturgy of the Ascension
Saturday	5/19	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	5/20	8:30AM	First Confessions!!!
		9AM	Divine Liturgy & Presentation (First Confession)
Saturday	5/26	4PM	Parish Vigil of Pentecost
Sunday	5/27	9AM	Divine Liturgy of Pentecost w/Kneeling Prayers Blessing of Graves and Cemetery
Saturday	6/2	4PM	Great Vespers, Service of Repentance
Sunday	6/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy
*** Apostles Fast Begins 6/4 (Ends 7/11)***			
Sunday	6/10	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Sunday	6/17	9AM	Divine Liturgy & 50 th Anniversary Moleban for Pat (Blaschak) & Bob Hussar (married here)
Saturday	6/23	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	6/24	9AM	Divine Liturgy

Parish News and Events

We are having a **Perohi Session** on 5/19; please join us!

Our **St Mary's Seniors:** .

Our next **Parish Board Meeting:** Monday, 5/21 @ 6:30PM.

Our Old Testament **Bible Study** series meets Tuesdays at 7PM in the Church.

Interesting Event: Remembering Patriarch Mstyslav Program: 6/2 11-3PM in South Bound Brook. See Fr. Anthony (or uoc-usa.org) for more information.

This Summer, we would like to have a **Summer Church Camp** 28-30 June full of field trips, music, dancing, and praise of God. See Fr. Anthony to learn more or offer to help!

We have two Grief Share groups: Mondays at 10AM and Tuesday at 6:30PM. Both meet in the Library. See Joe Truchan for details.

On the first Saturday of each month, we have started with the **"Service of Forgiveness"** at the end of Vespers. This is designed to make confession more regular and natural.

Reader Schedule: 5/13 Alex Mackiewicz, 5/20 Richard Bodnar, 5/27 Robin Bodnar

Greeter Schedule: 5/13 Eleanor Fox; 5/20 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka, 5/27 PM Tina Perkins

Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of *Pokrova* (“St. Mary Protection of the Holy Theotokos” or “St. Mary’s”)!

It is a blessing to have you with us today and we encourage you to come back as often as you are able. Like us, you may find that you have found your spiritual home here (and a wonderful home, it is)!

We are a parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA under the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and our doors and hearts are open to you, your family, and your friends!

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